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**CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION**  
**TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND COMMUNICATION**

Attached are the following documents for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) as a:

☒ Continuation    ☐ Division    ☐ Continuation-In-Part (CIP)

of the copending prior Application No. 09/900,927, filed July 9, 2001 (the "Parent Application") in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior Applications is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior Applications are considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and are hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☒ The Applicants claim small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

Enclosed are:

☒ Specification, Claims, and Abstract (17 pages).

☒ Formal drawings (1 sheet, Figures 1-4).

- ☒ Reference copy of informal drawing originally filed in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/521,810, filed March 9, 2000, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,261,397 on July 17, 2001 (1 sheet, Figures 1-4).
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages).
- ☒ Assignment of the invention to June Tailor, Inc..
- ☒ Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$40.00 for Assignment recordation.
- ☒ Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).
- ☒ Copy of Decision On Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/900,927.

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Claims:					
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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this Application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

### **Drawings**

The Present Application has been filed with corrected formal drawings (I sheet with Figures 1-4).

The Applicants have included a copy of the informal drawing sheet (Figures 1-4) originally filed in prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/521,810, filed March 9, 2000, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,261,397 on July 17, 2001, for reference.

### **Claims**

Independent Claim 1 is intended to recite subject matter believed to be patentable under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 in view of (among others) the references cited in the Parent Application (Serial No. 09/900,927), filed on July 9, 2001. Dependent Claims 2-19 depend from independent Claim 1.

Independent Claim 20 is intended to recite subject matter believed to be patentable under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 in view of (among others) the references cited in the Parent Application. Dependent Claims 21-39 depend from independent Claim 20.

Independent Claim 40 is intended to recite subject matter believed to be patentable under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 in view of (among others) the references cited in the Parent Application. Dependent Claims 41-65 depend from independent Claim 40.

Independent Claims 1, 20 and 40 each include certain combinations of subject matter previously indicated by the Examiner to be allowable in the Parent Application. For example, Claims 1, 20 and 40 recite a "commercially available product" comprising, in combination with other limitations, a "composite member ... formed of the batting and an adhesive material" where the "adhesive material" is "water soluble" [Claim 1] or "comprises a water soluble material" [Claims 20 and 40] and is configured to form a "bond" that is "removable after formation of the quilt" [Claims 1 and 40] or "that can be removed after the cover is attached to the batting" [Claim 20].

The Applicants believe that the combinations of subject matter, taken as a whole, recited in Claims 1, 20 and 40 are patentable and are not disclosed, taught or suggested by the references cited in the Parent Application, alone or in any proper combination.

Support for Claims 1-65 is provided in the Specification as originally filed in the Parent Application. The Applicants have included amendments in the Specification of the Present Application for clarity and to more closely relate to the claimed subject matter of the Present Application. No new matter has been introduced into the Specification.

**Priority Claim/Related Application**

The Present Application is a continuation of, and claims the benefit of priority as available under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/900,927, filed on July 9, 2001, which is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/521,810, filed March 9, 2000, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,261,397 on July 17, 2001.

The Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to a Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Claim of Priority Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120-121 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78 (the "Petition") filed by the Applicants in the Parent Application (Serial No. 09/900,927). The Petition was granted in a Decision on Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) mailed on February 25, 2004 (copy attached).

The Present Application is also based on co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/196,643, filed on July 15, 2002, which is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/900,927, filed on July 9, 2001, which is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/521,810, filed March 9, 2000, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,261,397 on July 17, 2001.

A final Office Action for U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/196,643 was mailed on January 7, 2004. The Applicants have filed the Present Application to pursue allowance of claims that the Applicants believe are patentable in view of the cited references.

The Applicants expressly withdraw any and all claim amendments and remarks (including remarks directed to or about any cited reference) and other statements made in connection with the Parent Application, or in connection with any related application, including U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/196,643. The Applicants do not intend any prior claim amendment or remark or statement in the parent application or any related application to have any effect on the prosecution or scope of any claim in the Present Application.

**Information Disclosure Statement**

The Present Application is a continuation of co-pending Parent Application (Serial No. 09/900,927). It is the understanding of the Applicants that the Examiner will consider in the Present Application all materials and information that have been submitted for consideration in the Parent Application, including materials provided to the Examiner in a personal interview of January 10, 2003. See M.P.E.P. § 609.

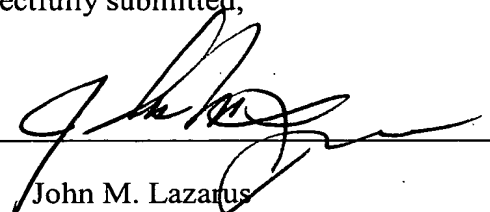
It is the understanding of the Applicants that under M.P.E.P. § 609, such materials and information from the Parent Application are available and need not be resubmitted in an Information Disclosure Statement in the present Continuation Application.

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